

WOOD HAS LEARNED HOW TO 'CONVERSE' IN BIRD LANGUAGE

National Museum Taxidermist Has Made It Study for Years.

"It is possible for a man to 'converse' with birds and fowls." This interesting assertion was made this morning by Nelson R. Wood, of the taxidermy department of the National Museum.

Such conversation, however, Mr. Wood says, cannot be carried on in English, French or German, but in tones familiar to the feathered creatures themselves. In explaining his assertion Mr. Wood says:

"In my study of birds and fowls for forty years I have learned what certain sounds mean to them. It is impossible to say that a certain 'language' is used by a certain breed of fowl or bird, but it can be said with certainty that all birds and fowls have a limited vocabulary of their own."

"The turkey when feeding has a note of contentment. When a hawk is sailing hundreds and hundreds of feet above, a note of alarm is given; when the same hawk swoops toward the earth there is another note sounded which emphasizes sudden danger, and urges the young to flee immediately for a safe hiding place. Then there is a note calling the young out of hiding after the hawk passes on his way. There is still another note telling one another of the approach of danger on the ground, such as a dog, cat or fox. There is a note of caution, fear and curiosity, another of defiance, challenge and anger."

Knows Their Sounds.

Mr. Wood has studied the nature of birds and fowls so closely that he knows these sounds perfectly, and can make them so cleverly that even birds and fowls are deceived at hearing them.

According to Mr. Wood the turkey has the greatest vocabulary of any of the domestic fowls, and the pigeon the smallest one. He explained that nature has so provided the turkey with a greater vocabulary than any other fowl or bird because it has more enemies, and the pigeon the smallest, because it does not need an extensive variety of sounds, being cared for with a fleet pair of wings which enables it to dodge danger better than the turkey.

The plain old black crow is one of the smartest of them all, according to Mr. Wood. The "king of the field," as the crow is sometimes called, according to Mr. Wood, is gifted with almost human intelligence and shrewdness. To explain this he gave an example. For the past twenty-five years Mr. Wood has been stationed at the museum. He has always kept a black crow in a cage in his work room and study. Yesterday he took a piece of round cake, showed it to a crow he had in a cage, then placed the cake in an envelope and sealed it up. He then threw the envelope in the cage where the crow was. The crow picked up the envelope, tore it open and got the cake.

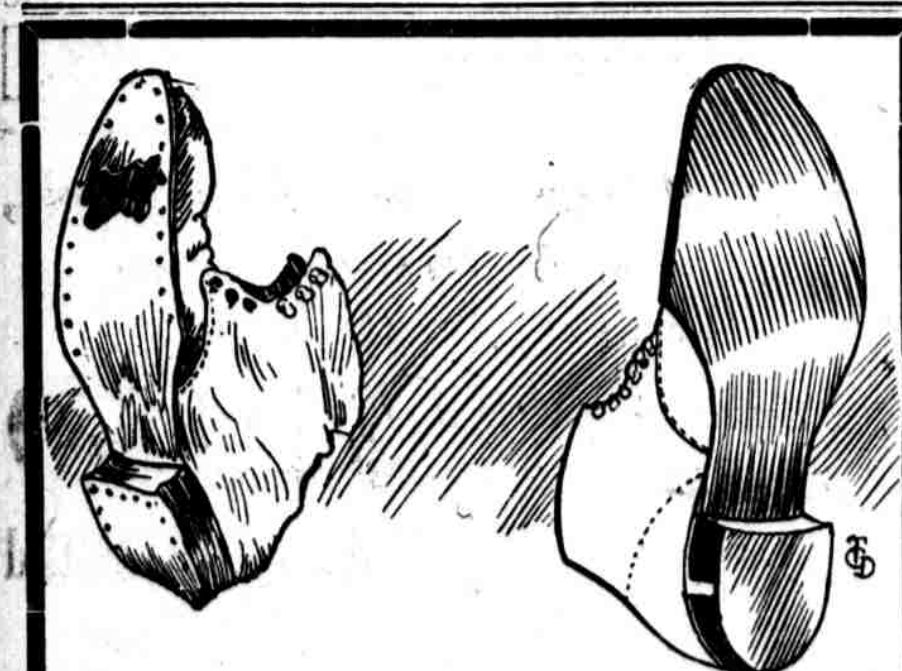
Made Extensive Study.

Mr. Wood has made such an extensive study of ornithology and taxidermy that he is able to understand the "language" of the birds; he knows when they are happy, when they are distressed and when they are worried. He can answer their notes, and they will answer him in return. The "Bob White" will not hesitate to answer his call and to fly to where the sound comes from. The "Bob White" will answer "Bob White" one or two times for anyone, but sooner or later it will understand the difference. But Mr. Wood knows the call of this game bird so well that when he gives a sound or answers one, he soon knows whether or not the bird is hungry, worried, tired, or has lost its mate. Mr. Wood says ornithology should be taught extensively in the schools, though he believes a successful ornithologist is one who has loved the birds and fowls from childhood.

Aged Man Hurt by Sightseeing Automobile

Internal injuries and a fractured left leg are reported by Emergency Hospital physicians to have been sustained by Lawrence Kiser, eighty-four years old, who was knocked down by a sightseeing automobile of the International Sightseeing Company yesterday afternoon.

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U. S. J. Dunbar and His Death Mask of Hero



Sculptor, Who Has Just Finished Cast of Face of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, Pronounces It Lifelike.

BENNETT ABOUT TO BE RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL ORDEAL

Victim of Assault Has Final
Operation in Remarkable Case.

Morris Bennett, who was murdered by an assault on the night of November 20, today has practically recovered, and early this week will be allowed to go from Casualty Hospital.

Dr. H. W. Jaeger, in charge of Casualty, made this announcement today, following the completion of placing dental splints in Bennett's mouth to prevent the loosening of his teeth. His jaw was fractured in several places by the blows of the heavy instrument used by his assailant, said by Bennett to have been James Smith, who is being held by the police for trial.

The delicate operation of putting in the dental splints was in charge of Dr. Charles H. Beach.

None of the numerous fractures of the skull, which seemed to make Bennett's recovery impossible, is troubling him now. His mind is unaffected, and as far as the physicians can determine his constitution is as sound as it was before the assault.

Dr. Jaeger today said Bennett's case is one of the most difficult ever treated at Casualty, and his complete recovery is one of the most surprising incidents of his long career. Even Bennett's speech, affected for more than a month, is nearly as perfect as it was before the attack.

New England's "Prettiest Girl" to Wed Tomorrow

MANCHESTER, N. H., Jan. 21.—Tomorrow the "prettiest girl in New England," Miss Hattie Wurtele, 107 Elm street, Manchester, will become the bride of Thomas J. Bois, secretary to the mayor of Salem, Mass.

Miss Wurtele recently was the prize-winner in a beauty contest conducted by a daily newspaper in which thousands took part, and in which the pictures of many of the most beautiful young women in New England were published.

She is the daughter of William C. Wurtele, of St. David, Quebec, whose father was Johnneton Wurtele, a Canadian lord.

Plays Piano Thirty Hours, Falls Unconscious

SALEM, Mass., Jan. 21.—Following his breaking of the world's record for continuous piano playing, Harry A. Bennett, of Boston, dropped unconscious last evening while playing, and had not recovered consciousness this morning. The physicians expect he will remain in a period of coma until tomorrow from sheer exhaustion.

Bennett collapsed at a piano in a store window where he had played without cessation for 30 hours 5 minutes 7½ seconds.

MASK OF EVANS, COMPLETED TODAY, IS FOUND PERFECT

Family of Late Rear Admiral Will Pass on Sculptor's Cast Tomorrow.

The death mask of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, "Fighting Bob," made in Washington a few minutes after his death on January 3, was tested today and it was found to be perfect.

What will be done with the cast rests entirely with the family. It will be taken to the Evans home, in Indiana avenue, by the sculptor tomorrow, and what disposition is to be made of it then will be determined if any objections are made to its preservation in the presence of the relatives. It is to be chipped to pieces. Only under that pledge was U. S. J. Dunbar, the sculptor, permitted to make the mask.

Lifelike in the extreme is the plaster cast which has resulted from filling the "mold" with plaster. The face of the officer's face a short time after he expired, with a special kind of powder. The image is as exact as a scientific study and years of experience could demand. The figure appears to be one of a sleeping man. There seems to be no doubt in the mind of either the sculptor or of the few personal friends of the admiral who have been permitted to view it but that the family will insist on its preservation.

None of the traces of a dead person can be found about the cast. It has not been "retouched" further than the hair from the cast the fragments of the plaster from the mask.

The cast doubtless will be used at some future time either by Mr. Dunbar or some other sculptor in making a statue of the naval hero.

Making the death mask of Admiral Evans, Mr. Dunbar said, was a simple matter. The first thing done was to arrange a sheet around the head and the shoulders, so as to protect those parts not wanted in the cast from the falling plaster. The face and hair then were carefully oiled, so that there might not be the slightest adherence on the part of the plaster. The plaster, called that for want of a better name, is a special preparation used for that purpose. A thin coating of this was placed over the face—enough to secure an absolute impression of all the features, but not enough to cause the flesh to sag when there were no supporting bones. When almost set, a heavier coat of plaster was applied, and this was allowed to act in the same manner.

Previous to applying the plaster, a special thread was placed down the center of the face. Just before the mask was set, this was pulled at both ends, in a slight line, thus cutting the mask in two parts. When absolutely hard, the two pieces were removed with ease. After the mask was made the two pieces were placed together, and held there. In this hollow mask, another preparation was placed, and after having set, the outer, or original mask, was chipped off, leaving an exact simile of the head.

Lieutenant Loop Dismissed From Army

President Taft has approved the dismissal from the army of First Lieutenant H. Loop, of the Coast Artillery. Charges of intoxication while on duty had been preferred against him at Vancouver Barracks and these charges were sustained by court-martial.

ELEVEN ACADEMIC TEACHERS ASK FOR HIGHER PAY RATING

Instructors in Domestic Art and Science Omitted in Senate Bill.

Five women, acting as a committee representing eleven teachers of domestic art in the manual training schools of Washington, have petitioned Dr. William M. Davidson to have them placed in class 6 in the amendment to the District appropriation bill, introduced by Senator Williams in the Senate last Thursday.

The amendment proposes that teachers of mechanical drawing, manual training, music, and physical culture be placed in class 6. Academic teachers in the high schools are now in that class, and receive an initial salary of \$1,000.

In these academic subjects, the teachers of which it is proposed to elevate, domestic art and domestic science are not included by the Senator, and eleven high school teachers thus overlooked desire to be placed with the fifty-six who are affected.

The general qualifications are the same, including a knowledge of psychology and pedagogy, as well as a broad general culture. Such teachers, in addition, must have a knowledge of chemistry, bacteriology, physics, botany, and physiology.

In addition to this the teachers of domestic art and science are assigned the same duties as all other high school teachers of academic subjects. They are in charge of study halls and sections, and are responsible for the discipline of the school.

It is asserted that the standard of work will be hurt in the McKinley Manual Training School, which has been provided with expensive equipment to teach those special subjects and it is said the discrimination against these teachers will result in employing inefficient instructors in the future.

It is thought the question raised by the amendment will only reopen the question of discrimination against teachers of manual training subjects in the high schools. The McKinley Manual Training School at present is a particular branch of training.

Mrs. Adams to Be Buried Here Tomorrow

The body of Mrs. Mary Gaston Adams, whose husband is Dr. Charles F. Adams, a surgeon of New York city, will be brought to Washington for interment in Oak Hill Cemetery, after service in New York tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The body will be taken to the chapel of Oak Hill Cemetery, where the Rev. Taylor Snyder will officiate. Mrs. Adams was forty-nine years old and a native of New York. Her brother, Theodore Smith, lives at the Fortner.

Peace Committee May Consider Women's Plea

A meeting of the peace celebration committee will be held in the board room of the District Building tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The committee comprises one hundred citizens of the District appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and will have charge of the arrangements for a celebration at Washington, in 1914, of the close of a century of peace between the United States and England.

The committee personnel, exclusively of men, has been protested by the American Women's League. The question of adding women to the membership may be considered at the meeting tomorrow.

"77" Humphreys' Seventy-Seven Breaks up Grip and

COLDS COLDS NOT DUE TO LOW NECK GOWNS

Some physicians attribute the colds and sore throats which have been so common that they threatened to become epidemic within the last week in large measure to foolish dressing on the part of women, and especially to the Dutch necks and lace yokes. On the contrary, the tendency to wear lighter clothing, and especially to expose the throat, has hardened women and increased their vitality that they can withstand exposure far better than they could ten years ago.

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